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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of March 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows, consider the following remarks, and reconsider the application.

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INVENTION SYNOPSIS

The present invention relates to a laundry additive sachet. Dye and dirt absorbers are contained within a sealed sachet such that they may be retained within the sachet throughout the wash cycle. The material comprising the sealed sachet does not exhibit an affinity for fugitive dye or dirt.

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AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Please replace the abstract paragraph at page 58, with the following paragraph:

a' ~~"The present invention relates to a~~ A laundry additive sachet. The sachet comprises a cavity in which is found a dye absorbing agent and a dirt binding agent. The sachet provides a system of scavenging fugitive dyes or pigments and dirt from laundry wash water."